

likely to get P.C.Os. during the current year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 888 as on 31.1.1992.

(b) 93 out of which 75 have been provided upto 31.1.1992 and 18 more are expected during the remaining period of the current year (1991-92).

D.A. to Extra Departmental Employees

2064. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ex-servicemen employed as Extra-Departmental Employees are paid D.A;

(b) if so, at what rates; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) As per the existing Government orders on the subject, re-employed pensioners are eligible to draw either the relief on pension or Dearness

Allowance. The Ex-Servicemen engaged as Extra-Departmental Agents are paid D.A. at the rate of 60% of their basic allowance, provided they opt not to draw relief on pension.

Demands of Extra Departmental Employees

2065. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussions were held by the Government with the representatives of the Bhartiya Extra Departmental Employees in April, 1991 on their demands,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A Statement showing the demands of the Extra Departmental employees raised during the discussions and the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard is attached.

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Demand</i>	<i>Action taken/Views of the Government.</i>
1	2	3
Item No. 14.	Amendment of Rule 7 of Extra Departmental (Conduct & Service) Rules.	Rule 7 of the ED Agents (Conduct and Service) Rules 1964 has since been amended in May, 1991.
Item No. 15.	Ed Employees be governed by Statutory Rules.	Necessary action is being taken.

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Item No. 9.	BPMs should be paid wages on hourly rate for performing additional duty of delivery of mails instead of delivery allowance being paid at present.	As delivery of mail is predominantly outdoor work and is not susceptible to checks and measurements, it is not possible to compensate EDBPMs performing additional duty of delivery of mail, on hourly rate.
Item No. 10.	BOs having a workload of more than 80 points per month be upgraded into EDSO and the BPMs presently working as EDSPMs be promoted at EDSPMs.	The statement that an EDBPM, having a workload of 80 points, is necessarily performing more than three hours of work is not correct. Therefore, the demand could not be accepted.
Item No. 11.	Separate machinery to be framed for redressal of problems of Extra Departmental Agents.	A Departmental Committee for Ed Agents for redressal of their grievances was constituted on 23.4.91
Item No. 12.	Steps to be taken to eradicate corruption of ED system by making necessary amendment in the Rules in the matter of their appointment and their promotion to Postmen Cadre.	Complaints of irregularities received are examined on merits in consultation with the Heads of Circles/Regional Postmasters General concerned and appropriate action taken.
Item No. 13.	Suitable compensation to be paid to EDAs detained beyond their prescribed duty hours. beyond their duty period does not arise.	The duty hours are prescribed keeping in view the receipt and despatch of mail. In the circumstances, the question of paying any compensation to ED Agents

STATEMENT

Item No	Demand	Action taken/views of the Government	
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Item No 1	Grant of departmental status to the ED employees with all the benefits and facilities at par with regular employees	After careful consideration of all aspects of the matter, the demand for grant of departmental status to ED Agents has not been agreed to	
Item No 2	Change in the nomenclature of ED Agents	The Government has not taken any decision to change the nomenclature of ED Agents	
Item No 3	Payment of Pro-rata wages to the ED Agents on the basis of their retention in office	Having regard to all relevant factor the proposal has not been considered feasible	
Item No 4	Reservation of 20% clerical posts for ED Agents	A proposal in this regard is under consideration of the Postal Services Board	
Item No 5	Treating ED Agents at par with the regular employees in the matter of age and qualification for promotion Postmen Cadre	Extra Departmental Agents are not regular employees of the Department There is also no bar to their having other avocations unlike regular Govt employees Therefore they can not be treated at par with regular employees	
Item No 6	Put off duty of ED Agents being treated as period under suspension as per judgment of CAT, Bangalore	The matter is at present sub judice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court	
Item No 7	All beats of field staff employees be treated as distance covered under foot beat and their wages be fixed accordingly	It is not possible to treat all beat as foot beats as foot beats are not fit for bicycles the beats are declared foot beats	
Item No 8	BPMs should be paid wages on the basis of their presence in the office as prescribed by the authorities	It has not been possible to accept the demand	